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25X1 4. [] - JMM) Informed Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel of the House Armed Services Committee, Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant of the House Appropriations Committee, Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Bill Woodruff, Counsel of the Senate Appropriations Committee, of plans for the Director's appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. None seemed to find any major problems.

25X1 5. [] JMM) Talked to Bill Woodruff, Counsel of the Senate Appropriations Committee, who said that Chairman Russell had asked Woodruff to see Chairman Stennis, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and suggest Stennis, in Russell's absence, convene a meeting of our two Subcommittees, probably Friday, 20 March. Woodruff said that if Stennis was unable to do so, Russell wanted Ellender to convene the CIA Appropriations Subcommittee alone. Woodruff said that Russell felt strongly that our Subcommittees should promptly be informed of the situation in Laos, and apparently contemplated not covering any other matters. Woodruff remarked that Senator Margaret Chase Smith would probably soon be added to our Appropriations Subcommittee and would be invited to attend the session.

25X1 6. [] JMM) Called Bert Tollefson, Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs AID, and gave him a rundown of the Director's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Friday, 13 March. Tollefson was aware of the Director's conversation earlier today with Administrator Hannah of AID, and I said I hoped that this brought everybody up-to-date and they would receive no more questions about AID relations with CIA in Laos. Tollefson said he had heard nothing from the Committee so far and hoped the matter was closed.

25X1 7. [] - JMM) Called Russ Blandford, Ralph Preston, Bill Woodruff and Ed Braswell and briefly summarized the highlights of the Director's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Laos on Friday, 13 March 1970.

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10. [] JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on continuing Soviet support for Egypt.

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11. [] JGO) Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that the Chairman's schedule is so filled that scheduling of hearings is a problem. He does not know at present when the Committee will be scheduling meetings with the Director. In the conversation he noted that there are several areas of consideration for the Committee that are being held in abeyance until the schedule opens up somewhat. One of these is a review of "intelligence." He indicated that this is a review that is long overdue even though it has some priority.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on continuing Soviet support for Egypt.

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12. [] JGO) Met with Mr. Earl Morgan, House Armed Services Committee staff, and confirmed the information previously provided concerning the closeout of Project [] (See Journal item of 6 March.)

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14. [] JMM) Accompanied the Director and Messrs. [] and [] to a briefing of the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations. The discussion centered mainly on Laos but also touched on the problem of briefings before other congressional committees. See Memo for Record.

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15. [] JMM) Met with Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, House Armed Services Committee, and explained our problems in connection with the request of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for a briefing on Laos. I said the Director proposed to meet privately with Chairman Morgan and Representative Ross Adair to try to persuade them that, in view of the upcoming appearance of Secretary Rogers and Secretary Laird and the President's recent statement on Laos, an appearance by the Agency would not be necessary. Rivers said he felt this was about all we could do, adding that he had high regard for Chairman Morgan, in whom we could place complete confidence.

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16. [] - JMM) Met with Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and called to his attention the fact that the transcript of the Director's testimony before the Gore Subcommittee on 2 March 1970 had apparently been taken apart, since when we picked it up on 4 March the pages were reversed. Marcy called in Art Kuhl, who handles security matters for the Committee, who confirmed the reversal of the pages and explained how the transcript had been handled. Marcy directed Kuhl to investigate the matter thoroughly.

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17. [] - CEA) Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to request the first opportunity to obtain as [] After checking with IDC, I informed Sourwine that [] but that his, Sourwine's, request has been recorded.

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5. [] - JGO) Met with Representative John Rhodes (R., Ariz.) who will be traveling to Vietnam on House Appropriations Committee business over the Easter recess. (See Memo for the Record.)

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6. [] - JGO) Met with Representative Edward Hebert (D., La.) as a followup to his request earlier in the week re close-out of project []. I advised him that the final report on the performance stability, and control data was dated 26 September 1969. Representative Hebert expressed appreciation for our having kept him up-to-date on this project and advised that it will be included as an item for Committee coordination in the Army briefings starting next week. At his request I passed the basic information and project references to Mr. Earl Morgan of the Armed Services Committee staff.

Representative Hebert raised the question of the My Lai incident and, somewhat in confidence, expressed concern for the fact that the Agency people in the field at the time apparently knew nothing about this incident. After discussion he seemed to agree that it probably was not our responsibility but that it is still difficult to understand how such an incident would go unnoticed by people in the immediate area. There was no indication that he intends to involve the Agency in this matter.

I briefed Mr. Hebert on the following items:

- a. Friction between Egyptian military and Soviet advisors;
- b. Soviet air shipments into Egypt during the week;
- c. Soviet pilot activity in Egypt;
- d. Logistical and other limitations on Communist forces action in Laos;
- e. Soviet Hen House radar.

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7. [] - JGO) Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and discussed with him Committee procedures in the handling of sensitive transcripts. Among other items, Mr. Kuhl advised that Senator John Tower (R., Texas) had not followed up on his earlier request to review the Director's testimony of 28 October 1969 and 2 March 1970. He requested that these transcripts be forwarded to the Committee again tomorrow.

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